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- Items (shirts, tank tops, skirts, pajama bottoms, sweat pants, etc...) not listed below are not acceptable for class. Teachers will ask that such items be removed. All allowed extras must be a solid color with no writing or obnoxious patterns. **We will be allowing short, sheer skirts for all levels. If skirts are not short and sheer so we can see alignment, dancers will be asked to remove it. We do not recommend buying leotards with attached skirts for this reason.**
- For older students, most leotards come with built-in bras. If more support is desired, a sports bra is recommended. A nude leotard/bra (intended to be worn under costumes or leotards) will be required for the spring performance.
- For levels that allow jazz pants, tights are not required but recommended to be worn underneath. We do require that tights be worn under shorts though. We will do floor work in most classes and dancers with only shorts on may get painful floor burn.
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Dancergarten

Leotard: Solid Color in any style
Tights: Pink Ballet Tights
Shoes: Pink Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Short/Sheer Skirt and Wrap Sweater

Creative Movement and PreBallet

Leotard: Solid White Tank (Basis of costume)
Tights: Pink Ballet Tights
Shoes: Pink Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Short/Sheer Skirt and Wrap Sweater

Beginning Ballet I and II

Leotard: Solid Pink Leotard
Tights: Pink Ballet Tights
Shoes: Pink Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Pink Short/Sheer Skirt and Pink Wrap Sweater

Beg. Ballet III, Int. Ballet I and Elementary Ballet

Leotard: Solid Black Leotard
Tights: Pink Ballet Tights
Shoes: Pink Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Black, Short/Sheer Skirt, Fitted Black Shorts, and Black Wrap Sweater

Intermediate Ballet II and Teen Ballet

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink Ballet Tights
Shoes: Pink Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Solid Color Fitted Shorts, Short/Sheer Skirt, and Tight-fitting, Solid Color Ballet Sweater

Intermediate III, IV, V and Advanced Ballet

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink Capezio Seamed Convertible Foot #9's
Shoes: Pink Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Solid Color Fitted Shorts, Short/Sheer Skirt, and Tight-fitting, Solid Color Ballet Sweater

Beginning Jazz I and II

Leotard: Solid Pink Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Black Fitted Shorts and Pink Wrap Sweater

Beg. Jazz III, Int. Jazz I and Elementary Jazz I/II

Leotard: Solid Black Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Black Fitted Shorts, Black Capri Jazz Pants, and Black Wrap Sweater

Intermediate Jazz II and III

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Tan Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Black Capri Jazz Pants, Solid Fitted Shorts, and tight-fitting, solid ballet sweater

Intermediate Jazz IV, V and Advanced Jazz

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Tan Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Tight-fitting, solid color ballet sweater, Solid Fitted Shorts, Black Capri Jazz Pants, Black Classic Leg Jazz Pants

Teen Jazz

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Tight-fitting, solid color ballet sweater, Solid Fitted Shorts, Black Capri Jazz Pants, Black Classic Leg Jazz Pants

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Beginning Tap I and II

Leotard: Solid Pink Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Tap Shoes
Optional: Black Fitted Shorts and Pink Wrap Sweater

Intermediate Tap I and Elementary Tap

Leotard: Solid Black Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Tap Shoes
Optional: Black Fitted Short, Black Capri Pants, and Black Wrap Sweater

Intermediate Tap II and III

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Tap Shoes
Optional: Solid Fitted Shorts, Black Capri Pants, and Tight-fitting, Solid Color Ballet Sweater

Intermediate IV and Advanced Tap

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Tap
Optional: Tight-fitting, Solid Color Ballet Sweater, Capri Jazz Pants, Classic Leg Jazz Pants, Solid Fitted Shorts

Lyrical and Contemporary

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Tan Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Solid Fitted Shorts, Tight-fitting, Solid Color Ballet Sweater, Capri Jazz Pants, and Black Jazz Pant

Beg. Hip Hop and Junior Hip Hop

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard (Tops may be worn over leotards but our no bare midriff rule requires them to wear a leotard also)
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Capri Cargo Pants, Shorts, Capri Jazz Pants, Jazz Pants, Sweat Pants (Solid Colors for all)

Hip Hop A, B, C and Advanced

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard (Tops may be worn over leotards but our no bare midriff rule requires them to wear a leotard also)
Tights: Pink or Tan Fair Tights
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz or Sneakers (non-marking soles and worn only for class)
Optional: Capri Cargo Pants, Shorts, Capri Jazz Pants, Jazz Pants, Sweat Pants (Solid Colors for all)

Musical Theater

Leotard: Solid Color Leotard
Tights: Pink or Tan Tights
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Solid Fitted Shorts, Capri Jazz Pants, and Black Classic Leg Jazz Pants

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Male Jazz and Musical Theater

Shirt: Solid Color T-Shirt or Tank Top (must be well-fitted and no longer than the hip bones)
Pants: Solid Color Shorts (no longer than mid-thigh), Black Jazz Pants (not to exceed ankle length)
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Jazz
Optional: Socks and Dance Belts (for boys of the appropriate age)

Male Tap Students

Shirt: Solid Color T-Shirt or Tank Top (must be well-fitted and no longer than the hip bones)
Pants: Solid Color Shorts (no longer than mid-thigh), or Black Jazz Pants (not to exceed ankle length)
Shoes: Black Tap
Optional: Socks and Dance Belts (for boys of the appropriate age)

Male Ballet Students

Shirt: Solid Color T-Shirt or Tank Top (must be well-fitted and no longer than the hip bones)
Pants: Solid Black Shorts (no longer than mid-thigh), Capri Length Black Pants
Shoes: Black Split-Sole Ballet
Optional: Socks and Dance Belts (for boys of the appropriate age)

Male Hip Hop Students

Shirt: Solid Color T-Shirt or Tank Top (must be well-fitted and no longer than the hip bones)
Pants: Solid Color Shorts, Black Jazz Pants, Sweat Pants
Shoes: Black Jazz or Sneakers (non-marking soles and worn only for class)
(Boys in Beginning Hip Hop should wear Black Jazz Shoes)
Optional: Socks and Dance Belts (for boys of the appropriate age)